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SEPTEMBER: THE WORST MONTH FOR CRYPTO HACKS IN 2026

$742.5M
lost in September, per DefiLlama

306
hacks in 2026, up from 118

192
of them in contract code

$2.35B
lost in 2026 so far

01 / 04 SEPTEMBER

WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER

DefiLlama tracked $742.5M lost across 35 incidents in September, the worst month of 2026. Two incidents made up **95%** of it, and they are the two largest hacks of the year. Bitget, an exchange, lost **about $388M** through stolen credentials. Liquid Network lost **about 4,000 BTC** (about $320M) through a flaw in its node software, and the self-styled white hat kept 598.5 BTC.

The other 33 took $35.5M, including **about $3.5M** borrowed from Nostra, a Starknet lending market, against a manipulated oracle price.

02 / 04 THE YEAR

THE YEAR SO FAR

DefiLlama has logged 306 hacks in 2026,

2.6 TIMES

as many as by this point in 2025.

The median loss fell from $1.07M to

$0.50M.

Our read: attackers are spreading out, and smaller protocols are now in range.

03 / 04 BY CLASS

MOST HACKS START IN THE CODE

CLASS (DEFILLAMA)	HACKS	LOST
TOKEN AND SHARE ACCOUNTING	56	$247M
ACCESS CONTROL	53	$370M
ORACLE MANIPULATION	42	$75M
PROTOCOL LOGIC	41	$26M
FLAWS IN CONTRACT CODE	**192**	**$717M**
KEY COMPROMISE	33	$705M
BRIDGE AND CROSS-CHAIN	32	$700M

04 / 04 LESSONS

WHAT TEAMS CAN LEARN FROM IT

01 **Treat every collateral listing and oracle change as a code change.**
Oracle manipulation caused 42 hacks this year. A new asset or price source needs review before it holds deposits.

02 **Keep reviewing the accounting math, old and new.**
Accounting bugs were the most common way in, including Tectonic's $124.5M loss. On Immunefi's lending programs, 1 in 3 criticals came a year or more after launch.

03 **Put the control paths in scope.**
Access control and key compromise caused 86 hacks and $1.08B in losses. Review who and what can move funds, upgrade contracts or change admin rights.

Audited code can still hold a critical bug. On Immunefi,

94%

of bug bounty programs running five years or more have found one.

NOT SURE WHICH FITS YOUR SETUP?

Let's have a no obligation chat about where you are and what would help.

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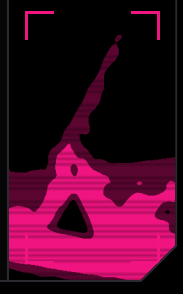

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